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Docket Number: 16356.722 (DC-01753)
Customer No. 000027683

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Mire, Philip J.

SN.: 09/312,150

Filed: May 14, 1999

For: PUBLIC KEY INFRASTRUCTURE
UTILIZING MASTER KEY
ENCRYPTION (AS PREVIOUSLY
AMENDED)

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 12, 2003, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Drawing objections have been noted and formal Figs. 1, 2 and 3 are submitted herewith to overcome this objection. Claims 1, 7, 12, 22, 23 and 29 are amended and claim 28 is cancelled. Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-12, 15, 16, 18-23 and 26, 27 and 29 remain in the application. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.